

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 426

Introduced by Assembly Member Bogh

February 15, 2005

An act to add Section 21655.1 to the Vehicle Code, relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 426, as introduced, Bogh. HOV lanes.

Existing law authorizes the Department of Transportation or local agencies with respect to highways under their respective jurisdictions to designate certain lanes for exclusive use by high-occupancy vehicles (HOVs).

This bill would require the department and local agencies to convert all HOV lanes that currently operate on a 24-hour basis into part-time HOV lanes that operate as mixed-flow lanes except during peak periods, subject to any required approvals of the federal government.

The bill would thereby impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 21655.1 is added to the Vehicle Code,
2 to read:
3 21655.1. The department and local authorities, with respect to
4 highways under their respective jurisdictions, shall convert all
5 high-occupancy vehicle lanes that currently operate on a 24-hour
6 basis into part-time high-occupancy vehicle lanes that operate as
7 mixed-flow lanes except during peak periods, subject to any
8 required approvals of the federal government.
9 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
10 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
11 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
12 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
13 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.